Utilization of surplus power of DPP

2330. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether with starting of phase-ll (1444 MW) of the Dabhol Power Project the problem of surplus power is likely to increase, due to inability of Maharashtra State Electricity Board to absorb the surplus power;

(b) if so, the requirement and availability of power of MSEB, as of present, from different sources and the surplus power with it, and how far the prob-lem of surplus power is likely to increase under Phase-ll;

(c) what scheme, if any, has been worked out for utilization of the surplus power; and

(d) whether there is any demand to revise the PP Agreement, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The 740 MW Phase-I of the Dabhol project which was in operation has been under shut down and construction work on phase-ll (1444 MW) has come to a halt since May-June, 2001 following commercial disputes between the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and M/s. Dabhol Power Company. While negotiations involving various stake holders have been going on, no set time frame is available for revival/restructuring of the Dabhol plant including completion of phase-ll.

The above position notwithstanding as per the anticipated power supply at the end of the Tenth Plan the peak demand deficit in the State of Maharashtra would be of the order of 3573 MW which comprises of 21.4% of the total peak demand. If the Dabhol project could be revived, it could possibly help Maharashtra State to meet its peak deficit to that extent.

(d)Any revision of the Power Purchase Agreement depends on the final restructuring of the Dabhol project and settlement of issues/disputes among the stake holders.